GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
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PRICES OF IMPORTED COAL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the price of imported coal per tonne and its sale price in the Indian market during the years 2003-04 and 2004-05;

(b) whether the Government proposes to curtail import of coal in view of the much high prices than indigenous coal; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) Details of the imports of coal for the last two years are as under :

Year	Grade of coal imported	Quantity Imported Coal (MT)	Total Price of Coal (In Million Rupees)	Average Price of Coal (Rupees Per Tonne)
2003-2004	Coking Coal	12.99	36,702	2825.40
	Non-Coking Coal	8.69	13,385	1540.28
	Coke	1.89	14,741	7799.47
2004-2005 (Provisional)	Coking Coal	14.84	62,500	4211.59
	Non-Coking Coal	10.47	26,000	2483.28
	Coke	2.78	42,000	15107.91

Most of the coal consumers are importing coal for their requirement. As such it is not possible to ascertain the sale price of imported coal.

(b) &(c) The coal is presently imported under Open General Licence (OGL). Imports of coal are need based. Efforts are being made to increase the domestic production of coal to meet the increased demand.